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Safety Day

101+ Critical Days of Summer kicks off

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 101+ Critical Days of Summer awareness program will kick off Thursday with a wing Safety Day, dedicated to this year's theme, "Airmen helping Airmen."

Each year, beginning on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend and ending with the Monday of Labor Day weekend, the Air Force experiences an increase in fatal mishaps. This time of the year is known as the 101+ Critical Days of Summer.

To prevent these mishaps, the 49th Fighter Wing Safety Office has developed an action plan that involves the entire wing.

The wing 101+ Critical Days of Summer work group has several activities planned for everyone, said Mr. Jerry McDermott, Occupational Safety and Health manager.

"Some highlights are the 'Holloman ride your bike to work day' Thursday, which will culminate in planned motorcycle activities in the morning," he said. "We will also have the annual Battle of the Squadrons competition; won last year by the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron. There will be vehicle safety inspections each month and child restraint demonstrations just to mention a few of the activities."

Maj. Robert Trsek, Safety Office deputy chief, said Safety Day serves a great purpose because we are taking a full day to focus solely on safety.

"We can reflect on our year-round programs and how we can take care of each other. We hope to instill a culture of safety rather than simply a one day event," he said. "Having Safety Day



Photo by Senior Airman Karah Manning

Communicating in the AOR

Senior Airman Brendt Grier, 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron air traffic specialist deployed from Holloman, talks with another regional air traffic control tower specialist April 27.

just before the Operational Readiness Inspection serves a purpose, but it will take support on the part of our commanders to remain focused on safety and not solely ORI related duty. There needs to be balance, otherwise we dilute the purpose of the day and it becomes 'checking a box.'"

Major Trsek said Safety Day is very

important because it is intended to educate everyone on how all must rely on Personal Risk Management.

"Supervisors can't be with their Airmen 24 hours a day," he said. "The Air Force has installed many programs to inform our men and women of the haz-

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Holloman otline

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Finance	2-5107
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BX	479-6164

I witness this a lot and I have confronted a few officers about this, but it seems not to work. Again today, on my way home, I saw it again. A patrol car was going down First Street speeding over the limit. Then the car pulled into housing and even went to the court that I live on. As I was behind the patrol car going the speed limit, they were obviously not. The speed limit on my court is 15 mph, but they flew right through it as

if they had wings; not even stopping. They left the court and went to the set of houses on Brooks Court where two officers on bicycles were chatting. The two patrolmen in the car along with the two bicycle officers just sat there and talked. If there is an emergency that has to be taken care of I can see going over the speed limit to get there quicker, but they had no sirens or lights flashing. They were in a hurry just to talk to their buddies. I have two kids at very young ages. These patrolmen are putting themselves, me and anyone else who is on base at a greater risk by being careless. I see this all the time and I have spoken to a few patrolmen, but like I said, nothing works. Security forces are here to protect and to serve and to keep us in check. Who is there to make sure they follow the same rules?

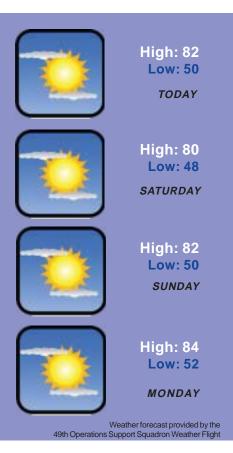
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• 49 CS Feb. 14 • 49 CES Feb. 22

• GAF March 7

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ards associated with their job, their personal lives and the recreational activities they engage in. Our leaders are continually frustrated by the repeated causes of fatal ground mishaps: alcohol, speed and lack of seatbelt use."

He said when members of Team Holloman are doing something that is unsafe, it means our mission capability is degraded.

"Ask anyone in any job on Holloman, and you'll find that everyone is very, very busy," Major Trsek said. "With constant deployments and annual training requirements, we simply can't afford to lose our most precious asset to preventable mishaps."

He said our Airmen are warriors at heart.

"In their zeal to show the strength of the Fightin' 49'ers, they may place themselves in harm's way," Major Trsek said. "We recognize this and want to temper their enthusiasm with the right level of risk management."

Mr. McDermott said that although everyone should look after each other all year long, he would like everyone to pay particular attention to each other during these next few months.

"Take the time to help each other if you see something happening that seems dangerous," Mr. McDermott said. "Don't let anyone ride in your car without buckling up, don't allow drinking and driving and if you're participating in a summer activity, know the rules and make sure they're followed. Our obvious goal is no one needlessly loses their life from an accident on or off duty."

He said he asks that everyone continually use Personal Risk Management in all of activities.

"Also help your family, friends and co-workers to do the same," Mr. McDermott said. "Our unified effort must focus on every one of us coming home every day safely."

On the side

Safety Day, May 12, has been deemed a "Ride to work day." There will be a motorcycle competition Thursday at the Health and Fitness Center parking lot. Prizes will be awarded.

- 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.: Early sign-up for motorcycle show and riding skills competitions.
- 9:30 to 10 a.m.: Show Time, sign-up for motorcycle show and riding competition. Inspections will be assisted by the RiderCoaches. As soon as a bike is inspected, the rider is eligible to ride the exercises, go to the blessing or on to the show.
- 9:45 to 11:10 a.m.: Riding skills competition and scoring by RiderCoaches.
- 10 to 11:10 a.m.: Blessing of the Bike by the Base Chaplain. Open to all.
- 10 to 11:10 a.m.: Motorcycle show competition judging.
- 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.: Announcement of winners and prize presentation.

Schedule of events for Safety Day May 12

- Commander's Introduction, Safety plan, Operational Readiness Exercise write-ups and Operational Readiness Inspection considerations
 - 101+ Critical Days plan
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight on unexploded ordnance
- Motorcycles, dirt-bikes and all-terrain vehicles
- Fatality video teleconference lessons learned
- Runway incursions, weapons quantity/distance, where is next mishap?
- Motorcycle blessing, inspection, on-base skills course
- Unit weapons safety representative meetings
- Flight safety meeting with the Flight Safety officers
- Supervisor of Flying Supervisor safety training
- Safety Operational Risk Management and ACT (Assess the risk, Consider the control measures and Take action) briefings in individual units

- Wing Safety meeting with group commanders
- Begin "Battle of the Squadons"

This competition is designed to encourage risk assessment and vigilance. Each group point of contact will ensure all Unit Ground Safety representatives have the action plan and calendar. Each unit will be one team and will report all activity to their respective UGSR who in turn reports to the group point of contact which goes on to Ground Safety.

General Safety

• 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Supervisor Safety Training; building 224, room 208.

Must sign up in advance by calling the Safety Office at 572-3795.

- 8 to 9 a.m.: Commander Introduction, Safety Introduction, Safety Day schedule of events at the base theater.
- 3 to 3:30 p.m.: Safety relates survey findings and leadership initiatives, accepts feedback, questions and answers, final words on ORI safety and 101

Critical Days. Rename group representatives at the base theater.

Flight

- 9 to 10:30 a.m.: Unit commanders' discretion: self-inspection, address unique flight, weapons and ground safety issues and surveys.
- 1:30 to 2 p.m.: Flight safety officer meeting at the Officers' Club.
- 2 to 2:30 p.m.: Flight safety meeting at the Officers' Club.
- 2:30 to 3 p.m.: Supervisors of Flying meeting at the Officers' Club.

Ground

- 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Motorcyclist "Ride to work day," for motorcycle events meet at the Health and Fitness Center for mentoring, inspections and lunch.
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: meet Sparky from the Fire Department at the fitness center.

Weapons

• 9 to 10 a.m.: Unit Weapons Safety Representative meeting in the wing conference room.

HAFB school liaison eases educational transitions

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holloman students and parents now have a new voice to ensure their educational needs are met.

Ms. Lesalee Arana, 49th Mission Support Group Family Support Center school liaison, will bridge the gap between parent and school.

According to Ms. Lenn Furrow, FSC Flight Chief, the FSC recently established the new position of school liaison officer to address educational concerns within the Team Holloman community and ease the stress of transitioning from one school district to another.

The school liaison will bring the needs of military children to the forefront of educators' minds and ensure the needs of military children are brought to the attention of school officials, said Maj. Kent White, 49th Mission Support Squadron commander.

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Maj. Kent White

49th Mission Support Squadron commander

"The mobile military lifestyle our children experience during their school years can present new challenges to their learning and future achievement," said Ms. Arana.

According to Major White, military families have different needs than civilian families.

Military families deal with deployments and frequent moves and their issues need to be made known to the local schools.

The school liaison facilitates and ensures twoway communication between the school and the parents, said Major White.

Ms. Arana will be Holloman's corporate knowledge for school related matters and will work with not only local, but state-wide education authorities to ensure Holloman children have smooth educational transitions, said Ms. Furrow.

Ms. Arana will provide information, guidance and data to command and local authorities, she said.

The issues involved in transferring from school to school are often immense, and the school liaison officer works to eliminate barriers and offer solutions based on an individual's needs, she said.

Holloman is the third Air Combat Command wing to establish the position of school liaison officer.

Holloman civilian shares Air Force experiences

by Staff Sgt. William Farrow

386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Teaching Koreans English in Kuwait is something only a few people on earth can say that they have done. For Mr. Dan Salinas, it's just another check-mark on a long list of accomplishments.

A ground safety technician for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing safety office, Mr. Salinas is one of the few Department of the Defense civilians wearing a uniform and working in the Area of Responsibility. It's the uniform he wears that gets him some confused looks.

"When I'm walking toward someone, they notice I don't have stripes, so they automatically assume I'm an officer, but then they start looking for my rank on my collar and hat and then they look baffled because by then I've passed them by," he said. Wearing the uniform isn't something new to Mr. Salinas, though. He's worn the uniform on active duty too.

He's an Air Force veteran who retired after more than 22 years of

service. He began his career in the vehicle operations business. He then cross trained into the safety career field. But it was his special duty assignments between his safety jobs that were even more memorable for him. In 1989, he went through the Air Force Culinary Chef School and reported for duty as an enlisted aid to Gen. John Chain, then the commander of the Strategic Air Command.

As the General's aid, Mr. Salinas planned and prepared gourmet meals for dozens of events at the SAC commander's home, feeding hundreds of distinguished guests. He's cooked for a President (George W. Bush), more general officers than he can remember (Gen. Curtis LeMay and Gen. Colin Powell are two that stand out) and leaders in industry (Warren Buffett).

After completion of the enlisted aide assignment, Mr. Salinas was selected for another special duty assignment as a flight attendant on the E-4B, the National Airborne Operations Center for the President and Secretary of Defense.

"I had 150 presidential support missions, flew with Secretary of Defense William Perry and Joint Chief of Staff Gen. John Shalikashvili on several occasions and I visited 110 different countries," he said.

He eventually returned to the safety career field in 1996 and was soon deployed to Dhahran Air Base, Saudi Arabia. That's when tragedy struck. He was in the third floor day room of his dormitory reading when a truck exploded. Terrorists attacked Khobar Towers complex, killing 19 Americans and wounding hundreds more. Mr. Salinas was one of the hundreds.

"One minute I'm reading, the next thing I know, I'm waking up in the hospital. I was very lucky," he said.

He sustained injuries to his leg, head, chest and arms. "I still have glass in my body," he said. Mr. Salinas was awarded the Purple Heart for his injuries.

Six surgeries and months of recovery time later, Mr. Salinas was back working in the safety office at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. That's when he received orders to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. "It was at Kunsan where I be-



Courtesy photo

Mr. Dan Salinas conducts a class teaching Koreans English while deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base.

gan teaching English to Korean children," said Mr. Salinas. "It was something I enjoyed; working with children and their parents," he said. After he retired from the Air Force in 2001, Mr. Salinas took a job as the teen coordinator at the youth center here. He was then given an opportunity to return to the safety career field here and he's been here ever since. He is now deployed to Southwest Asia.

When offered the opportunity to deploy to the region where he almost lost his life, he looked at the assignment as part of the long healing process he's endured.

"I really missed the camaraderie and the ability to make a difference with Airmen," he said. "I am also so glad that I came back to an area that left me with such harsh memories and can come away with peace in my heart," said Mr. Salinas. He again has taken the opportunity to help others. He's teaching English to Koreans in Kuwait.

"I've loved every minute I've been here," he said.

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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 18 to Monday.

Patrol response

- April 27: A family member reported she was in a verbal altercation with another family member over the custody of a dog.
- April 27: A civilian reported he witnessed someone take a wallet from McDonalds.
- May 1: A family member reported her daughter was involved in a verbal altercation with another family member's daughter.

Property loss, damage or theft

- April 26: A civilian reported a garage window was broken in an unoccupied home on Bell Avenue.
- April 26: A civilian reported his saddle bags for his motorcycle were stolen off his bike at building 1171.
- April 27: A civilian reported her wallet was stolen from McDonalds. The civilian said she took out her wallet to pay for food and accidentally left it on the counter.
- April 28: An anonymous caller reported an overhead power line had caught fire at building 1078.
- April 28: An Airman reported his issued mobility bag and chemical gear were destroyed by a dog.
- April 28: An Airman reported his vehicle was damaged in the building 35 parking lot.

- April 29: There was a minor accident between two privately owned vehicles in the parking lot of building 310. One vehicle hit the other while backing into a parking space.
- April 30: A civilian reported the men's bathroom at JR Rockers was damaged.
- May 1: A civilian reported a full size Chicago Bears football helmet was stolen from JR Rockers.
- May 2: There was a minor accident in the softball field parking lot when a POV hit a telephone pole while backing up.

Tickets

Security forces issued three tickets: two for speeding and one for causing an accident.

ID cards

If personnel have a military issued identification card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to the security forces squadron by calling 572-7171 immediately.

Car vandalism

There have been a high number of cars keyed or vandalized on base recently. If you have any information concerning these incidents or any other incident, call security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant.

For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial 911.

CROSSWORD

Asian Pacific Islander Month

ACROSS

- 1. American comedian Costello
- 4. USAF lawyers
- 8. Hole
- 11. Mistakes
- 13. Carpenter's tool
- 14. Singer Jones
- 15. Pulitzer Prize writer Ferber
- 16. Pulizer Prize poet Edna ____
- Vincent Millay
- 17. Equipment
- 18. Brigades
- 20. Stadium
- 23. Long time
- 25. An inert gas
- 29. Eddie Murphy movie ____
- Daycare
- 30. Head covering
- 32. Field movie Norma __
- 33. USAF commissioning source
- 34. Restoring drinks
- 36. ___! A mouse!
- 37. Rowing need
- 38. ___-jay, MTV employee
- 39. Play part
- 42. First Asian-American Olym-
- pic diving gold medalist Victoria Manalo _
- 44. Person in the Mekong Delta
- 47. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- 48. 9th letter of Greek alphabet

- 49. Correct
- 51. A sign
- 53. Entrance to a cordon, in
- brief
- 55. Brown color
- 56. Foreigner
- 58. Chinese American magnetic core memory inventor (1944) An
- 61. Plant with star-shaped flowers 63. Japanese-American Gold medal speed skater Apolo Anton
- 67. Land measurement
- 68. Regions
- 69. ___ in; curb
- 70. Ocean part
- 71. Assists
- 72. Federal environment org.

DOWN

- 1. Taiwanese-American Yuan
- T.___; '86 Chemistry Nobel Prize winner
- 2. California fort for training, once
- 3. Vase
- 4. Past performance record
- 5. First Korean to become American citizen (1888) Phillip
- 6. ___ Arbor

- 7. Place
- 8. Writer Edgar Allan ____
- 9. A Gershwin
- 12. First Asian-American elected to Congress (1956); Dalip Singh
- 13. 23rd letter of Greek alphabet
- 14. First Asian-American to win

- 22. O'Neal and Harris
- 26. Grad school test
- 28. Indicates maiden name

- 35. Speak
- 37. Norse god
- 39. Op or fine
- in own TV show (1994) Marga-
- 41. Alaska town
- 43. Left
- 45. Crouching Tiger, Hidden

- 10. Road material
- Academy Award (1986) Haing
- 19. Negative vote
- 20. Commotion
- 21. Traitor
- 24. Immature
- 25. Rear end
- 27. Grown-up acorn
- 31. Puts frosting on cake
- 34. Poi starter

- 40. First Asian-American to star

- 44. Hawaiian gift



Dragon Oscar-nominated director __ Lee

- 46. Lyrical poem
- 49. Honest ___; Lincoln nick-
- 50. First Filipino to serve in a U.S. legislature 1962 Ben-
- jamin_ 52. Rim
- 54. "Guilty" and "Not Guilty" in court

- 57. Federal tax org.
- 58. Existed
- 59. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 60. Gun org.
- 61. Auto club, in short 62. ___ Lanka
- 64. TV class ____-Haw
- 65. Swig 66. Cat __ _ Hot Tin Roof

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AMXS gets facility for weapons training

by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For more than 60 years, Fightin' 49er weapons loaders have helped to keep front-line fighter aircraft ready to deploy into combat at any time.

To help sharpen their skills, these Airmen, assigned to the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, will teach the next generation of weapons loaders in a newly-dedicated training facility.

The Weapons Load Training Program teaches specialized training to F-117A Nighthawk weapons loaders on how to quickly and safely load laser and satellite-guided munitions on to the stealth fighter, according to Master Sgt. Calvin McHarness, 49th Maintenance Group weapons standardization section su-

perintendent.

The journey to having their own training facility didn't come without a bit of elbow grease. Once the decision was made to give the loaders their own facility, they joined together to renovate a section of building 868 that included shower stalls and a rundown infrastructure.

Senior Master Sgt. Clarence Perry, 49th Fighter Wing weapons manager, recalled how the MXG leadership recognized the need for a dedicated facility.

"We recognized that since 1942, this was the only installation in the Air Force without a weapons facility," Sergeant Perry said. "With this facility, we can train like we would fight in a deployed location."

Sergeant Perry said he remembered the attitude of his weapons troops during the Self-Help project.

"The whole weapons community volunteered to work the project," he said. "The weapons troops had a sparkle in their eye, a smile on their face and a warm feeling in their hearts; it truly was a success story with a happy ending. The morale of the weapons community skyrocketed."

Two months of hard work and self-help projects passed when the loaders laid the final piece of flooring. Coupled with their new facility, the WLT Program could now be maximized to its fullest potential, according to Sergeant McHarness.

Sergeant McHarness said the new facility allows weapons troops to train without sharing work areas with maintenance crews

"Our Airmen load munitions, plain and simple," he said. "We

needed a facility away from outside interference and distractions. Part of becoming certified (to load bombs) requires all load crews to attend Weapons Academic Classroom Training. With this new facility, we now have a classroom to teach Airmen exactly what they need to know in their own environment."

Col. Gary Bryson, 49th MXG commander, said munitions loaders need the proper time and facility to train to do their job accurately.

"The bottom line is that this facility now provides both the proper atmosphere for training and for managing the training for loading crews," Colonel Bryson said. "Weapons is a critical piece to the F-117 mission—bombs released and on target every time."

The training program, unique

compared to other fighter aircraft, such as the F-15E Strike Eagle and the F-16CJ Fighting Falcon, specializes on specific munitions. Weapons systems loaded on the F-117A include the Guided Bomb Units 10, 12, 16, and 27. Other munitions include the GBU 29, 30, 31 and 32

Nighthawk weapons loaders also train on loading the EGBU-27 satellite-guided munition that allows the stealth fighter to attack targets in bad weather that the aircraft's laser-targeting systems would normally not be able to penetrate.

Weapons loaders played a critical role during the first night of Operation Iraqi Freedom when they loaded the first-ever EGBU-27s that were dropped on March 19, 2003, over Baghdad by the 8th Fighter Squadron.

NEWS

NCO trains controllers, garners AF level award

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Angela Dowling, Air Traffic Training chief at White Sands Radar Facility, was recently awarded the Air Force Air Traffic Control Training Achievement Award. One of 54 radar air traffic controllers stationed at WSRF, this award has recognized Sergeant Dowling as the best Air Traffic Control Training Manager in the Air Force.

"I truly felt honored for my nomination from the 49th Fighter Wing to compete at the Air Combat Command level in this category," she said. "After winning for ACC, it was a total shock to win at the Air Force level because of the number and the caliber of individuals I was competing against."

She said this award recognizes the work and dedication that goes into the WSRF training program and to selfless trainers that make it work everyday.

"I absolutely enjoy being in the

Air Force and what I do is not for recognition," Sergeant Dowling said. "However, it means a lot to me to receive such high accolades for my unit and for my individual accomplishments."

According to Sergeant Dowling, when a person thinks of air traffic control, the first thing that usually comes to people's mind is the air traffic control tower near the runway.

"Although the control tower is one function of ATC, WSRF performs air traffic control functions for Holloman and National Range Operations," she said. "As chief of training, I'm responsible for the overall training program for the controllers based at WSRF. This includes training for Air Traffic Control, Air Force, Army Range Operations and Federal Aviation requirements."

Sergeant Dowling said one person doesn't make a team and she couldn't have received the award without the support of her team.

"This award recognizes so many people at so many levels," she said. "I come in contact with individuals everyday that assist me in my duties."

She said her career field is a very demanding, ever changing, and sometimes thankless job.

"This award is a testament to the dedicated individuals I work with to ensure the training gets done to complete the mission," Sergeant Dowling said. "This award is our award, we earned it, and I'm just a representative."

Maj. Thomas Schmidt, Airfield Operations Flight commander, said Sergeant Dowling has always been a top performer.

"She is constantly going above and beyond the call of duty. Her achievements have been crucial to the success of WSRF, her flight and her unit," he said. "She not only raised WSRF's training program for 60 controllers to a higher level, but was also instrumental in producing better Airmen and better controllers.

"It brings an immense amount of satisfaction to the unit to see Sergeant Dowling properly recognized for all of her outstanding achievements," he said.



Courtesy photo

Cookie Wagon veteran

Master Sgt. Bryan Lund, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, pours his last pot of "Shirts' Soup" at the Base Chapel as he and others gear up for the late night shift of the Cookie Wagon during the Operational Readiness Exercise April 26. Sergeant Lund has prepared the special soup and diligently worked the Cookie Wagon for more than four years. Sergeant Lund is retiring in June.



Duty title: Aviation Resource Management What motivates you to be a better Airman? NCO in charge

Time in service: Five years, 10 months Time at Holloman: Five years, seven months

Hometown: West Los Angeles, Calif.

Personal and Career goals: My personal and career goals are to receive my bachelor's degrees in Psychotherapy, get commissioned and work at either family support center or life skills.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

At the end of the day I feel as though I made my country a little bit more safe for my friends and family.

What is your favorite quote?

"To thine own self be true." William Shakespeare

My father motivates me to be a better Airman. He instilled discipline in me, and as a result I strive to do my best with any and everything.

What is the highlight of your Holloman

Meeting my husband Anthony and starting a family. I have two lovely kids Seven and Maybelline.

Core value portrayed "Excellence in all we do":

Staff Sgt. Peterson-Carvalho exemplifies the concept of "Excellence in all we do" through her pro-active approach to mission accomplishment.

> - Lt. Col. Thomas Shoaf 417th WPS commander



The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

FEATURE

Outdoor adventures

Whitewater rafting trips, hiking, rock climbing, hunting, fishing and skiing are all offered through Outdoor Recreation.

Rental facility

The facility also has a retail store for camping supplies and offers a variety of equipment for rent, including aluminum boats with 15 horsepower motors, 15-foot camping trailers, tents, canoes, sleeping bags, lanterns, heaters, ice chests, softball equipment, footballs, basketballs, snow skis, boots and poles, bicycles, lawnmowers, weed eaters and roto-tillers.

Apache Sports Range

The Apache Sports Range is also part of outdoor recreation. The facility features a skeet range, trap range, sporting clay range, archery range, snack bar and retail sales store. The range is open to all active duty and retired military personnel.



Photos by Senior Airman Dee Ericksonmoen

Fam Camp

The facility's Fam Camp features full hookups for 12 camper vehicles. The hookups are offered on a space-available basis. If someone is PCSing to Holloman, servicemembers can stay in Fam Camp for up to 30 days. Ask the guard at the main gate for directions.

Check in at Outdoor Recreation if arriving before 5 p.m. After this time, check in with the camp host on duty. Later, the housing referral office or family housing office staff will help in securing a permanent residence.

Outdoor Pool

During the summer months, Holloman's Olympic pool is open. The pool has a slide, diving board, super water slide and a wading pool for children. The pool is open to active duty and retired personnel, their families and guests. The pool will open May 30.



Mr. Glynn Lyles, Outdoor Recreation director, shows Airman 1st Class Russell Scalf some of the new paintball shirts in inventory.



Mr. Martin Capasse, Outdoor Recreation assistant, demonstrates how to shoot a paint ball gun.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Russell Scalf

Senior Airman Dee Ericksonmoen adjusts binoculars outside of Outdoor Recreation. Mr. Martin Capasse, Outdoor Recreation assistant, is teaching Airman Ericksonmoen how to focus the binoculars. Binoculars are one of the many items that can be either purchased or rented from Outdoor Recreation.

On the side

Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday to Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holloman celebrates

National Nurses Week

by Ms. Laura Hunt Sunburst *editor*

The contributions that nurses make to healthcare are immeasurable, yet their importance is sometimes overlooked.

National Nurses Week, today to May 12, gives the community a chance to recognize the importance of nurses and their profession, said Capt. Glenn Bankson, 49th Medical Operations Squadron primary care optimization nurse.

"A majority of nurses go into the nursing profession because of the passion they have for helping people and very seldom find time to care for themselves," he said. "Nursing can be a thankless job at times. Nursing week is an excellent opportunity for the community to recognize nurses for all their hard work and unselfish devotion to caring for others."

Holloman's 64 nurses work in Pediatrics, Family Prac-

tice, Internal Medicine, Flight Medicine, Education and Readiness and Population Health, Capt. Bankson said.

The 49th Medical Group will celebrate the contributions these nurses make to Holloman with a Nurses Week kick-off breakfast served to them today. An ice cream social will be held in their honor on Tuesday and they will be invited to a catered lunch on Wednesday.

"Nurses Week is a great time to recognize our staff and to say thanks for all the hard work and compassionate care they provide our patients daily," said Lt. Col. Soledad Lindo-Moon, 49th Medical Operations Squadron commander.

According to Capt. Bankson, nurses are vital in keeping our troops fit to fight and their dependents healthy.

"Nurses get the patients to the appropriate place and level of care," he said.



Photos by Senior Airman Dee Ericksonmoen

Capt. John Ledwitch, pediatric nurse practitioner, checks Megan Clark's breathing at a the pediatric clinic.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Pahl, medical technician, administers an IV to rehydrate an Airman.



Left: First Lt. Chasity Will-iams, primary care optimization nurse, demonstrates her skills by administering a throat culture on Capt. Glenn Bankson.

BRIEFS

Blood Drive

There is an United Blood Services Blood Drive noon to 4 p.m., today at the Community Activities Center. Donors can make appointments with Capt. Joel Stark at 572-5540 or on the Web at www.unitedbloodservices.org using the access code "Holloman."

There will be free Dreyer's Ice Cream and T-shirts for donors.

Luau

The Asian Pacific Youth Luau is 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday for ages 9 to 12 and 7 to 9:30 p.m. for ages 13 trhough 18 at the Youth and Teen Center. Games, music, crafts, hula lessons.

For more information, call 572-3698.

Kindergarten Round Up

The Alamogordo Public Schools will hold Kindergarten Roundup at the Holloman Primary School from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2005 in order to register.

Please bring your child's shot records and birth certificate, emergency phone numbers and any medical information. It is not necessary for your child to be present.

Closure

The 49th Medical Group will have limited appointments on Thursday for the Safety Day training requirements.

Commissary sale

The annual Holloman Commissary Caselot Sale is May 20 through 22 during normal store hours. Eighty items, most featuring 40 to 50 percent savings, will be available.

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The May Holloman Officers' Spouses Club function, "Let's Luau!" is Wednesday at the officers' club. There is an 11 a.m. social, an 11:30 a.m. buffet lunch and

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

For the record

Ms. CJ Cooper, 49th Security Forces, takes a record of the finger prints of Jewelia Clark, 10, at the Kid's Fest April 29. Approximately 100 people attended the event and received information from the fire department, family advocacy, health and wellness center, drug demand reduction program, dental clinic, family support center and security forces. The purpose of the Kid's Fest was to promote health and safety of children in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

Polynesian dancing by the Island Treasures. R.S.V.P. by noon May 9 to 921-0101 or 479-2222.

Asian Pacific Heritage events

Historical and cultural displays: Until May 31 at the Holloman Library, Community Activities Center, base exchange and 49th Fighter Wing Headquarters.

Brown Bag Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., today. Demonstration is "How to Cook a Pig Potluck."

Story Time: 10 to 10:45 a.m., Wednesday in Holloman Intermediate School.

Story Time: 10 to 11 a.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday in the Child Development Center.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Larry McEntire at 572-3806 or Senior Airman Theresa Margallo at 572-3125.

Red Cross volunteers

The Red Cross is taking applications for the teen summer volunteer program. Applications can be picked up at the Holloman Middle School office or the front door of the Red Cross office, building 222. Drop off completed applications at the Red Cross office between 9:30 and 11 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Orientation begins June 3.

For more information, call Ms. Peggy Sweeney at 572-7066.

Bike Night

There is a Bike Night at 5 p.m., Saturday at J.R. Rockers. Bring your chopper, cruiser or street bike and show off your ride.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link Program is 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday in the Committee of Fifty Room at the Officers' Club. This program is designed to introduce Air Force Spouses married five years or less to the Air Force lifestyle, as well as familiarize command spouses with new resources. Heart Link provides information about Air Force customs, courtesies and resources for families. Reservations are required. Breakfast and lunch are provided and childcare costs are

reimbursable.

For more information, call the Family Support Center at 572-7754.

Honor Guard Banquet

There is an Honor Guard Awards Banquet at 6 p.m., today in the Oasis Enlisted Club. Dress is semi-formal or formal. A buffet style dinner will be served and the Alamogordo High School Junior ROTC Armed Drill Team will perform. Anyone interested in attending should see their first sergeant for details and tickets.

BOn the screen

Miss Congeniality 2 (PG-13)

6 p.m., today and Sunday

Guess Who (PG-13)

3 and 6 p.m., Saturday

BASIN BRIEFS

Casino Night

Alamogordo High School has a Casino Night for graduating seniors. Volunteers are needed for set up, entry duties, runners and of course dealers. If you are interested in helping please contact Ms. Beth Markle at eam@zianet.com or 479-6026.

Saturday in the park

Saturday in the park is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 21 at Washington Park. The event will honor the military personnel from Holloman.

For more information, call 572-5406.

Flickinger events

Cascada de Flores: 7:30 p.m., today. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. This trio, with a talent and passion for the rich cultural heritage of Mexico and Cuba, has elicited an extraordinary response from diverse audiences, media, and fellow musicians. Cascada de Flores features instruments such as guitars, vocal harmonies, flute, and footwork. Cascada de Flores presents their music and dance programs for children in schools, libraries and theaters.

Tailgate at New Mexico Museum of Space History: 8 p.m. (gates open at 6:30 p.m.), June 11. Steven Smith and Hard Road—a Bluegrass Band.

Walk-ups are \$5 per person, bring your lawn chair, snacks or dinner

For more information, call 437-2202.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is June 4 to 5 at Griggs Field in Alamogordo.

For more information about call Ms. Cathy Schreck at 434-8834.

Gus Macker

The Gus Macker basketball tournament is May 20 to 22 at the Riner Steinhoff Soccer Complex Parking Lot in Alamogordo.

Cherry festival

The 2005 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 18 and 19 at the High Rolls Community Center. There will be local cherries, more than 60 arts/crafts venders, food and drinks, local entertainment and children's activities. Parking and admission are free.

For more information, visit www.highrollsfestivals.com, or call (505) 682-1151.

"Oklahoma" audition

New Voice Theater (a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization) is holding open auditions for its Summer production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" on 7 p.m., Monday and Wednes-

day at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo, 1110 New York Avenue. Auditions are open to all base personnel and dependents between the ages of 12 and 29. Production dates are July 29, 30 and 31 and August 5 and 6. This is a large show with many great parts and chorus roles. Lengthy TDY's will prevent casting in major roles but will NOT prevent auditioners from being cast in lesser roles. Those interested should be prepared to sing a two minute musical selection of their choice (piano accompaniment and a CD/ tape player will be available) and read a scene from the show as part of a group. For more information, call (505) 437-5098 or visit us on the web at www.newvoicetheater.org and www.newvoicetheater.com.

Briefs

Summer Splash

Holloman Primary Parent Teacher Advisory Council has a Summer Splash Day at the school May 24. The event will be used to encourage water conservation/water events for the children.

Any organizations interested in participating should call Ms. Karenanne Graves at 479-1520, Ms. Cleo

MacDonald at 479-1226 or Mr. Jerry Lott at 479-6122.

Airman leadership school

ALS Class 05-E graduation retreat is 2:15 p.m., Wednesday in the dorm mall area behind building 339. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, spouses, family and friends are invited to join the graduates in this important event. Uniform requirements: duty uniform. There will be a Medallion Ceremony following the retreat.

The ALS Class 05-E will have their graduation banquet at 6 p.m., Thursday in the ballroom of the Oasis Enlisted Club. There will be no more reservations, cancellations or refunds.

For more information, call the Holloman Airman Leadership School at 572-5860.

Vehicle inspection

The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron will have a free vehicle inspection 8 a.m. to noon, May 12 in the shoppette parking lot.



Answers from page 8

Holloman medical group flight surgeon best in ACC

by Ms. Laura Hunt Sunburst *editor*

A member of the 49th Medical Group recently won the Air Combat Command Malcolm C. Grow Outstanding Flight Surgeon of the Year Award for 2004.

Maj. (Dr.) Robert York, 49th MDG Flight Medicine officer in charge, said being named the best in ACC is an honor.

"It is a great honor for myself and for the Holloman Flight Medicine staff," Major York said. "The recognition of the effort by everyone involved in the events that led to this award is really an affirmation of all that we accomplished."

One of the accomplishments that led to Major York winning the award was an improvement he made for patients.

"When I first arrived at Holloman, patients were often turned away because Flight Medicine was too busy," he said. "As OIC of Flight Medicine, I instituted an 'Everyone who needs an appointment will be seen' policy. This has improved patient access while maintaining our high quality of care."

Major York said he is also proud of his recent deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq.

"I was the Flight Doc for the 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility during the historic handing over of the country to the Iraqi people," he said. "One of only two flight surgeons, I worked 24-hour shifts, actively managing the tactical and strategic evacuation of more than 2,100 patients and 135 missions while under daily rocket and mortar attacks."

Major York said he couldn't have won the award without the help of others.

"A central fact of Air Force life is that nothing is truly an individual effort," he said. "My team has supported my efforts thoroughly and their feedback has helped improve on my initiatives.'

His patients are what push Major York to go above and beyond the call of duty.

"I enjoy taking care of people," he said. "The actions that led to this award are an extension of how seriously I take patient care. The Air Force families I care for are important to me, and

helping improve their health care can improve their lives and make the Air Force a more prepared and cohesive team."

Col. Matt Adkins, 49th Medical Group commander, said Major York is an exceptional officer and physician.

"Engaged in every facet of flight and medical operations, he is passionate in providing the best care for his patients, both at home and deployed," Colonel Adkins said. "He recently volunteered to serve as chief of the medical staff, pending assignment of a permanent replacement this summer, effectively doubling his workload. He has done an outstanding job. That is officership at its best and is just one reason Dr. York was named the ACC Flight Surgeon of the Year."

According to Major York, awards encourage people to do their best.

"In and of themselves, awards aren't important, but what they're capable of generating is extremely important," Major York said. "An award like this is a demonstration that effort, initiative, creativity and teamwork are recognized by the



Maj. (Dr.) Robert York

larger community, they may actually encourage someone to try harder and exceed the accomplishments of those that came before them."

In the future, Major York hopes to practice medicine in a small town.

"As someone who was born in Kansas and educated in Nebraska, I am very aware of the medical challenges facing our country's rural communities," he said. "Someday, I'd like to open a family practice clinic in one of these small towns and continue practicing 'cradle to grave' medicine; with a full scope of services that include obstetrics, in-patient care and minor procedures."

Until then, Major York will work toward the mission of the 49th MDG.

"'No health, no stealth,' is the mantra of the 49th Medical Group," he said. "Our mission is to ensure the health and wellbeing of the men and women at the pointy end of the spear. That well-being includes reducing stress by assuring them that their families will also be well cared for."

Base begins water conservation

On May 15, the base will reimplement mandatory water conservation measures to respond to the continuing regional drought. These water use restrictions will likely be necessary at least until cooler fall weather. Mandatory water conservation measures are outlined below.

Holloman's mandatory water conservation measures:

Landscape Irrigation: Outdoor watering may be performed only twice a week. Wasteful watering that produces runoff in the streets, alleys, ditches, drains or the public right-ofway is strictly prohibited. Units in the new housing area should be aware that the type of grass used in the rear yards is drought tolerant and requires watering only once a week; over watering will kill this grass.

- a. Odd numbered houses may water on Wednesday and Sunday for a maximum of four hours from 5 to 9 a.m. or 5 to 9 p.m..
 - b. Even numbered houses

may water on Tuesday and Saturday for a maximum of four hours from 5 to 9 a.m. or 5 to 9 p.m.

- c. Areas newly seeded may be watered daily as necessary to establish grass until the first mowing, after which time the irrigation frequency will become the same as required in a or b above.
- d. The housing contractor will ensure lawns at vacant houses are watered; however, they have an exception to the watering hours due to the large volume of empty houses.
- e. Flowers in beds, pots or other containers may be watered by hand as required.

Vehicle Washing: All vehicle washing shall be conducted in a responsible manner to minimize waste of water and only during periods allowed for landscape irrigation noted above. All vehicle washing must be done with a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle that completely shuts off the

flow of water if left unattended. Residents are encouraged to use the base POV car wash or other commercial car washes in Alamogordo.

- a. Government vehicles shall be washed no more than once every two weeks unless there is a documented operational requirement for more frequent washing.
- b. Fund-raiser car washes shall not be permitted in any community areas or parking lots on base. Fund-raiser car washes may be conducted at the base POV car wash upon approval by the 49th Mission Support Group commander or her designee.

Pavement Washing and Water Waste: Washing sidewalks, driveways, patios and other non-porous surfaces with a hose is prohibited except to eliminate dangerous conditions

These measures are in effect until further notice, or until Nov. 1, whichever comes first.

Construction Zone

• Construction on the new west gate will be Monday to September 2005. Traffic will be routed via the bypass to minimize congestion at the construction site. Privately owned vehicles are encouraged to use the main gate instead of the west gate.

For more information, call the Construction Management Office at 572-5832.

- Active vehicle barriers will be installed at all three main installation gates in the near future. Construction at the La Luz gate has started and is projected to have minimal disruption to traffic. Upon completion of the La Luz gate, construction will begin on the inbound lanes of First Street and the main gate entrance to Santa Fe. The main gate the entrance to Santa Fe Street housing will be temporarily closed. Traffic on First Street will be temporarily shifted to the outbound lanes.
- The Vandergrift Road repair project to resurface and widen approximately 2.4 miles from Douglas Road to the new CATM facility will begin on Monday and last for 120 days. Construction work will be phased and flagmen will be posted at each end of the work zone with an escort car to guide vehicles in order to ensure traffic flows safely and smoothly. The speed limit through the work zone will be 30 mph, so delays should be expected.

Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

On the run

Senior Airman Abigail Escobedo, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron, shops at the Mirage Grab-and-Go in the Shifting Sands Dining Facility. Beginning May 23, the Grab-and-Go will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The Grab-and-Go will be open only to on-duty personnel wearing a uniform who are eligible to use the facility. For more information, call 1st. Lt. Raul Sandoval at 572-5158.

AF changes testing dates for chief master sergeant

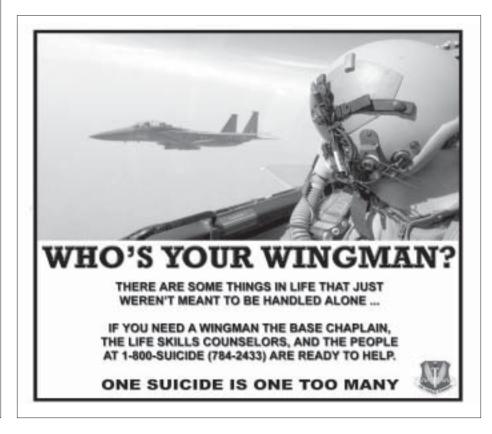
The Air Force has announced the testing window for those competing for promotion to chief master sergeant will be moved to the second week in September.

"As a result of ongoing efforts to improve the enlisted promotion testing system and recent validation of the Weighted Airmen Promotion System process, which was approved by the Air Force Chief of Staff, we are changing the testing window for those testing for chief master sergeant," said Chief Master Sgt. Dale Kenney, chief of the enlisted promotion and military testing branch here at AFPC.

For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window will be Sept. 13 - 16. Previously, members tested immediately following the Labor Day holiday weekend.

"Moving the testing cycle from the week immediately following the Labor Day holiday weekend to later in the month will help alleviate conflicts between family time and test preparation," said Chief Kenney. "This change will not affect promotion announcement or the months during which promotions are made for the cycle."

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight. (*AFPN*)



SOFTBALL 2005 PRESEASON TOURNAMENT



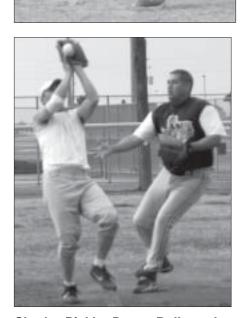
Photos by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Thomas Flanagan, BEAR Base, hits a ball during a game against the 49th Medical Group Tuesday at Johnson Field. BEAR Base won the game 22 to 18.

Joel Torrez, Ammo, pitches the ball during a game against BEAR Base Tuesday at Vandenburg Field. Ammo beat BEAR Base 16 to 13.



Senior Airman Raul Salazar, Med Group A, runs the bases after a hit during a game against BEAR Base A Tuesday at Johnson Field. BEAR Base A won 22 to 18.



Charles Pickle, Desert Bulls, makes a catch as Martin Venegas backs him up during a game against Ammo Tuesday at Vandenburg Field. Ammo won the game 15 to 12.



Lakenrick McDougle throws the ball to Keith Pullins during the Med Group A's game against BEAR Base A Tuesday at Johnson Field. BEAR Base won the game 22 to 18.

SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Mach fun run

There is a Mach fun run at 8 a.m., May 14 at the Holloman High Speed Test Track. Registration begins at 7 a.m., May 14.

Maps are available with registration forms. The event is open to all Holloman and military ID card holders. The event is a 10K run, 5K run and a 5K fun walk.

Early registration by today is \$15, after that is \$20. Early registration forms are available at Outdoor Recreation or the Fitness and Sports Center. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Otero County.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Ben Lauf at 679-2493.

Spring Shootout

There is an Ammo Spring Softball Shootout May 20 and

21. Cost is \$100 per team. Sign up by May 13.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joel Torrez at 572-1500 or e-mail joel.torrez @holloman.af.mil or call Staff Sgt. Ronnie Blanco at 572-1501 or e-mail ronnie.blanco @holloman. af.mil.

Pool schedule

- Monday through Friday: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday and holidays: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.
 - · Sunday: closed

More information is available at www.hollomanservices.com.

For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3229.

Health & Fitness Fair

The Health and Fitness Fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., today in the gymnasium of the Fitness

and Sports center. There will be many giveaways as well as information on nutrition, fitness, health and healthy foods. They will also be featuring a back program, proper ankle taping, gait analysis and more.

For more information, call Ms. Denise Allen at 572-3256.

Benefit aerobathon

The Premier Fitness & Health Spa will host an Aerobathon from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday at their facilities in Alamogordo. All proceeds from the Aerobathon will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Step aerobics, Kickboxing, Yoga, Pilates, Toning and Cycling classes will be held.

Every participant receives a free T-shirt or water bottle, a "One Week Free" membership to Premier and a free tanning visit. Call 434-2730 to register.



Men's base softball team, Nighthawks, take 3rd place in Clovis Tournament

The Holloman Night- New hawks Men's Varsity softball team took third place in the 17th Annual Knight's Challenge double elimination softball tournament April 20 in Clovis, N.M. In their first game, Holloman emerged victorious in a last inning rally, scoring two runs to defeat Cannon 17 to 15. In the second round, Holloman matched-up against of

Mexico's top ranked teams, Guy's Electric out of Clovis, NM. After scoring two runs in the final inning they came out on top, 18 to 17. In the semifinals, Holloman lost to Conference Café out of Lubbock, Texas 25 to 9. This led to another game against Guy's Electric. Holloman lost this match-up which led them to finish third in the tournament.